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Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find full English translations and English Abstracts for each of the following Japanese patent documents:

- (1) JP No. 02-065252;
- (2) JP No. 02-178946; and
- (3) JP No. 62-216315.

Further enclosed herewith is a copy of an English Abstract for JP No. 63-153270.

Also enclosed is a Form, substantially equivalent to Form PTO-1449, indicating filing of the patent Abstracts and of the full English translations, for each of the above-listed documents (1)-(3), and the Abstract for JP No. 63-153270.

Please note that each of JP No. 62-216315, JP No. 2-178946, JP No. 2-65252 and JP No. 63-153270 has been indicated as being previously considered by the Examiner; note Sheets 1, 3 and 4 of 10, enclosed with the Information Disclosure Statement filed when originally filing the above-identified application. Note that partial translations and/or Abstracts have previously been submitted for JP No. 62-216315, JP No. 2-178946 and JP No. 2-65252; full English translations of these documents, as well as Abstracts, are presently being submitted. A full translation of JP No. 63-153270 was previously submitted in connection with JP No. 63-153270, as indicated on Sheet 1 of 10 of the Information Disclosure Statement submitted upon originally filing the above-identified application; and only an English Abstract of this patent document is enclosed herewith.

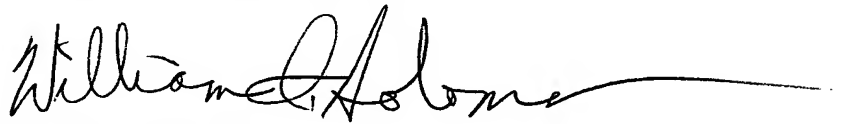
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Entry of this Information Disclosure Statement in the file of the above-identified application, and consideration thereof to the extent appropriate, is respectfully requested.

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